Selectmen
Matthew B. Dworman, Chairman
Erin Pettinato
Richard Poelaert

Barton L. Mayer, Town Counsel
Keri J. Marshall, Moderator
Barbara A. Clark, Town Clerk

The Moderator, Keri Marshall, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 64 residents in attendance.

Matthew Dworman made a motion to approve Article 2 and read it in its entirety.

2. Shall the Town of East Kingston raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $2,897,998. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $2,920,141 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of East Kingston or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget article doesn’t contain appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.
MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

Seconded: Erin Pettinato

Discussion: Abagail Mills, after reviewing the MS-636, asked why the Board of Selectmen were underfunding by a significant amount, specifically highways and streets, as well as street lighting and pest control. She said last year $455,179 was budgeted for highways and streets but expenditures were almost $100,000 over and this year they are recommending underfunding it.

Matthew Dworman said with regard to highway and streets, they received, unexpectedly, about $50,000 from the State as did most towns in NH. He also said they had encumbered some funds not spent in 2016 that were spent last year.

Abagail asked about revenues listed, specifically other licenses, permits, and fees. She said they are budgeting for an expected revenue of $16,704 when last year the actual revenues were $10,504. She asked why they are expecting a large jump in other licenses, permits, and fees?
Matthew said a lot of these are unknown and it is their best guess.

Cherryl Hurteau, Town Office Manager, said revenues are based on actual spending and she works with the Department of Revenue in providing these numbers. Cherryl said she works with the department heads, and they look ahead to see what they might anticipate, i.e. motor vehicle revenues, building permit revenues, etc. She said it is an educated guess but it is based on actual numbers as much as it possibly can be.

Abagail asked for clarification of what other licenses, permits, and fees includes and Cherryl said hunting licenses, fishing licenses, and pistol permits. She said there are many things that go into this category. Cherryl said they do their best with the numbers they have.

Abagail questioned what 3503-3509, other miscellaneous revenues was. She said it went from $5,477 last year to $33,172. Cherryl said, again, these numbers are based on actuals.

Matthew said the report everyone has in front of them is the MS-636. He said a break-down of budget line items was available at the Budget Hearing.

Abagail asked what the $121,000 towards Capital Reserve Funds was from and Cherryl said those are the combined amounts of all the warrant articles and one expendable trust fund they are asking you to vote on.

Vote on Article 2 as written: Passed
Article 2 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to not reconsider Article 2: Matthew Dworman
Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Voted: Passed

Matthew Dworman made a motion to approve Article 3 and read it in its entirety.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to be added to the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established at Town Meeting 1991 for the purpose of the next revaluation of the Town, as required every five years by NH RSA 75:8-a.
MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Discussion: None
Vote on Article 3 as written: Passed
Article 3 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to not reconsider Article 3: Matthew Dworman
Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Voted: Passed
Matthew Dworman made a motion to approve Article 4 and read it in its entirety.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars ($11,000) to be added to the existing Library Building Major Repair/Replacement Reserve Fund established at 2010 Town Meeting for the purpose of funding long-term repairs and replacements for the library building.
MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Discussion: None
Vote on Article 4 as written: Passed
Article 4 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to not reconsider Article 4: Matthew Dworman
Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Voted: Passed

Matthew Dworman made a motion to approve Article 5 and read it in its entirety.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) to be added to the existing Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund established at the 1999 Town Meeting for the purpose of acquiring fire apparatus.
MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Discussion: None
Vote on Article 5 as written: Passed
Article 5 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to not reconsider Article 5: Matthew Dworman
Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Voted: Passed

Matthew Dworman made a motion to approve Article 6 and read it in its entirety.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to be added to the existing Fire Department/Emergency Operations Center Land &/or Building Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2012 Town Meeting for the purpose of the acquisition of land and/or building or construction of building for a Fire Station/Emergency Operations Center.
MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Discussion: None
Vote on Article 6 as written: Passed
Article 6 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to not reconsider Article 6: Matthew Dworman
Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Voted: Passed

Matthew Dworman made a motion to approve Article 7 and read it in its entirety.

7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a cistern/hydrant repair/replace Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing or replacing existing cisterns or hydrants and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand ($15,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.
MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Discussion: Robert Nigrello asked if this was a new fund. Matthew Dworman said there are a number of dry hydrants in town that are connected to the fire ponds and some of them are connected to cisterns, which are essentially underground storage tanks, made out of concrete. Matthew said when they were installed they were designed to last 30 years and some of those are approaching 30 years. He said the Fire Chief is looking at options as to whether they need to be replaced or if they can be repaired. He said he understands there are now liners that are available. He said it is going to be an expense at some point, and they need to be prepared and start being proactive.

Edward Warren, Fire Chief, said there are a number of hydrants in town that are nonfunctional. He said none of them are in critical locations. The cost to replace is $60,000-$70,000 and by putting aside $15,000 each year is a good idea. He said the town has always had a covenant with the over 55 communities but after so many years, it falls back on the town. He said they are going to have to start replacing some of these in the near future.
Vote on Article 7 as written: Passed
Article 7 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to not reconsider Article 7: Matthew Dworman
Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Voted: Passed

Motion to not reconsider Article 7: Matthew Dworman
Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Voted: Passed

Matthew Dworman made a motion to approve Article 8 and read it in its entirety.

8. To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of defraying cemetery maintenance and administration expenses and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty seven thousand six hundred ninety five dollars
($27,695) to be placed into this fund and further to name the East Kingston Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend from this fund. This initial funding shall be from those funds presently held by the Cemetery Trustees and shall not be raised through taxes.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

Seconded: Erin Pettinato

Discussion: Roby Day introduced a new Trustee of the Trust Fund alternate, Ronald Morales. Roby welcomed Ronald and said he brings experience and financial expertise to the board.

Roby made a motion to amend Article 8 and instead of the sum of $27,695 change the amount to $16,664.19.

Roby said we need a capital reserve fund for the cemeteries for all the same reasons we have one for the school and town. He said in doing this they will be providing a solution, a place to put certain revenues if Article 9 passes. He said the capital reserve fund motion can’t stand alone by itself and the intent is to get to Article 9. He said in 2014, there was a change to the cemetery RSA 289 which allows them to direct lot sales in cemeteries to an expendable trust fund. He said these two warrant articles together will work.

Roby shared the following history: In 1897, John Gale made a bequest of his parents’ property in East Kingston, located at the corner of Main Street and Haverhill Road, the Gale House. The bequest was he was going to give the house and property to the town with a stipulation that the annual taxation from this property would be put to use in maintaining the Gale Cemetery (Hillside Cemetery, presently). At Town Meeting in 1898, the town accepted it, and in the process established the very first cemetery committee, with three residents serving on this committee. They agreed to accept the terms of the trust. It wasn’t until 1995 the first cemetery trustees were elected which was the result of a new RSA 289 which established the cemetery rules on how municipalities included electing cemetery trustees. The cemetery committee, at that time, became the cemetery trustees. The monies they were using, which they were using up until last year, were being used for the original intended purpose; however, RSA 289 doesn’t allow for this. The cemetery trustees were not trying to hide anything as they reported their finances in the town reports. This wasn’t picked up on until 2017. In 1993 and prior, all cemetery lot sales included the caveat “perpetual care” and going forward that appeared to still be the case. The rules and regulations specified all lot sales would have the caveat of perpetual care. Come 2009, in the town report, the cemetery trustees changed the language and deleted perpetual care. With perpetual care, only the income from the money used to buy the lot could be used to maintain the lot. In 2009, the rules and regulations changed the whole approach to selling lots. Instead of the lot having perpetual care, it was just a simple lot sale, real estate transaction. The Trustees of the Trust Funds have found 52 undocumented perpetual care trusts and they are going to have to figure this one out. There is an accounting ledger from 1993 to present to assist them in obtaining this information. In the bank account, $9,386.73, is Trust Fund Trustee money and the rest, $16,664.19, is town revenue. In 2011, the cemetery trustees came to the Trust Fund Trustees and asked them to create a private cemetery maintenance trust fund and yearly thereafter the cemetery trustees provided funds for the trust that was created. Today, the amount is $9,578.60. The RSA authority used to establish the trust had no bearing on private
trusts so the Trust Fund Trustees are looking at $9,578.60 that legitimately is town revenue. If Article 9 fails, the town will get $26,242. The Trust Fund trustees plan is to get Article 9 passed which would enable them to redirect lot sales money into a capital reserve fund, especially for cemetery maintenance. The RSA is a fairly new one and the plan the Trust Fund Trustees have is the result of serious consultation with the Assistant Director of Charitable Trusts, Terry Knowles, Department of Justice. Roby said these monies the cemetery trustees have been holding onto and using for their own work is legitimate. Roby praised the cemetery trustees for the marvelous job they have done maintaining the cemeteries.

Second on Amendment: Ted Lloyd
Vote on Article 8 as amended: Passed
Article 8 will appear on the ballot as amended.

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provision of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of defraying cemetery maintenance and administration expenses and to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand six hundred sixty four dollar and nineteen cents ($16,664.19) to be placed into this fund and further to name the East Kingston Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend from this fund. This initial funding shall be from those funds presently held by the Cemetery Trustees and shall not be raised through taxes.
MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

Motion to not reconsider Article 8: Edward Warren
Seconded: Robert Nigrello
Voted: Passed

Matthew Dworman made a motion to approve Article 9 and read it in its entirety.

9. To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with RSA 289:2-a, to direct all proceeds from cemetery lot sales be deposited with the Trustees of Trust Funds in the Cemetery Maintenance and Administration Expendable Trust Fund for the maintenance of cemeteries. (This Article is contingent upon the passage of Article 8).
MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Discussion: Roby Day said in 2014, RSA 289 was modified and it simply enables the Trust Fund Trustees to redirect the money from lot sales, the lot, the plot, and the 4 corner markers, into a capital reserve fund that can be used for cemetery maintenance. He said if this is approved the town will still get around $7,500 in residuals.
Vote on Article 9 as written: Passed
Article 9 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to not reconsider Article 9: Matthew Dworman
Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Voted: Passed
Matthew Dworman made a motion to approve Article 10 and read it in its entirety.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) to be added to the existing Police Department Building Long Term Maintenance Costs Capital Reserve Fund established at 2016 Town Meeting for the purpose of funding long term maintenance costs for the Police Department Building.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

Seconded: Erin Pettinato  
Discussion: None 
Vote on Article 10 as written: Passed 
Article 10 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to not reconsider Article 10: Erin Pettinato  
Seconded: Matthew Dworman  
Voted: Passed 

Matthew Dworman made a motion to approve Article 11 and read it in its entirety.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to be added to the existing Police Department long term Equipment Replacement Fund established at the 2016 Town Meeting for the purpose of funding long term equipment replacement costs for the Police Department.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

Seconded: Erin Pettinato  
Discussion: None 
Vote on Article 11 as written: Passed 
Article 11 will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to not reconsider Article 11: Matthew Dworman  
Seconded: Erin Pettinato  
Voted: Passed 

Matthew Dworman made a motion to approve Article 12 and read it in its entirety.

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of the East Kingston Public Library to negotiate and execute agreements, including a 20-year license and easement (with possible extensions up to 30 years), with Revision Energy of Brentwood, New Hampshire, and to take actions and execute documents reasonably related thereto, necessary to facilitate a Power Purchase Agreement for the purpose of locating a solar energy system that will serve the East Kingston Public Library; including an option to purchase the system, and to otherwise purchase all of the energy produced by the system at a starting rate of $0.1050/kWh or such other rate as may be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Trustees of the East Kingston Public Library;
Library. This has no effect on the tax rate. The Board of Selectmen and the Trustees of the East Kingston Public Library recommend this article.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

Seconded: Erin Pettinato

Discussion: Sarah Courchesne, Library Trustee, said the library presently has a small solar installation on the roof of the library which was installed a few years ago. She says it only delivers about 20% of the library’s electricity. She said they have always had a goal of installing more solar power so they could meet 100% of their electricity needs. She said they found out about this option, Power Purchase Agreement, and it is available to municipalities. Rather than paying up front for the system or leasing the system, the solar installer, in this case Revision Energy, installs the panels on the roof at their own expense. The library will not pay for the panels nor will they own them. They will pay Revision for the energy generated by the panels. She said they would have to agree to buy all the energy produced by the panels and it is sized so it would be about all the energy you would need. Anything the library didn’t need, would be fed back into the grid. She said the idea is they would pay Revision as if they were their electric company and then at year seven of having this installed on the roof, would have the option of purchasing the system. She said at that point, because the value of these systems declines pretty rapidly over time, they could buy the system for a much-reduced cost. She said they aren’t obligated to purchase the system after seven years and they can exercise that option anywhere out to 20 years at which point they would be buying a system that would cost about $3,000, an estimated amount. She said if this warrant article were approved, they would be producing 100% green energy for the library and investing in the option to be generating all of their electricity for free.

Ted Lloyd asked for an estimate on what the value of the system would be after seven years. Sarah said they can’t give them a firm idea but she said if they were actually paying for this system today, it would cost about $70,000. She said the estimates at seven years, might be around $15,000-$20,000 and then if they kicked it all the way out to 20 years, it would be around $5,000.

Abagail Mills asked if these panels were going on the roof and Sarah said they would be and they would be in addition to the small system the library has up there now. Abagail asked if there has been any significant thought going into putting more money into the repair/replacement capital reserve fund since solar tends to wear on roofs a little faster than normal. Sarah said they do have a library maintenance reserve fund that has built into it the cost of replacing the roof. If they do need a roof, it wouldn’t reduce the life span of the roof by enough for them to ask for more money in the maintenance reserve fund. She said they do have money in there to replace the roof when it comes due.

Abagail directed a question to the Fire Chief and asked if the fire department has been looking at solar panels and firefighting as far as venting and issues with that. She said she knows it has been a code issue in Portsmouth and other towns.

Edward Warren said solar panels are a big issue. He said it is one of the reasons the solar panels are on the ground in Brentwood. He said they are an issue on rooftops of buildings. He said you
can’t deactivate them and firefighters can’t go on a roof when there is a solar panel up there. He said they can’t cut through it even if there is no power. Abagail asked if this would be something we could make contingent upon the review and approval of the fire department because it is a public building. Edward Warren said if it is a small enough system, it is not going to take up a much bigger footprint than what is already there. He would just have to see the plans.

Sarah said if you approved this warrant article, it would give them permission to enter into this contract. She said it is not saying they are agreeing to enter into this contract.

Abagail said since solar companies tend to come and go, what is the contingency for five years down the line and the company closes up. Do they take their panels with them? Sarah said they have been working on a contract with them that delineates all of that and she said they do not have the finalized language of the contract yet. She said Bart has been taking a look at the contract and they are still at the phase where they can modify the language.

Ronald Morales asked if we get any revenue at all from this in the initial years. Sarah said they get all the revenue only if they own the system. The revenue they get from the solar panels they currently have in place and own is in the neighborhood of about $200-$300 a year from the utilities.

Ronald Morales said currently the town has a contract with Provided Power which they negotiated last October and it goes through this December. He said the cost is $0.07837/kWh which is about 2.663 less, a $450 difference. He said from his experience running the Energy Committee, they have never paid $0.1050/kWh. He said he has a concern with that number, especially with the new tax rate for utilities. He said they are already talking about lowering the electric rate to us and if Northern Pass goes through or something like it, there are other sources that are going to make this more competitive. He said from his experience, he can’t justify knowing what we are using here for utilities. He said one of the things the library could do is LED lamp the place and he said that would drive their light costs down 90%.

Sarah said if they were looking at what is the cheapest way to buy electricity today, it would not be through what they are proposing here. She said they do lock in a rate with Revision and it does increase over the next seven years and they do know they are going to pay more than what is likely going to be the market rate for electricity. They see it as a goal of achieving 100% solar energy on the library. She said they can do it a couple of ways. They could try to raise funds and wait until they have enough to buy the system or they could look at this as an increase in their kWh costs. Their estimates are somewhere close to about $200 extra a year and they see that as an investment, year after year, and being able to buy the system for much cheaper than they could afford it at this point. She said they feel it is worth the small degree of investment. She said if it is $200 extra a year, it would be offset by the fact their current panels do generate about $200-$300 a year. It is the library’s goal of being green and reducing energy consumption overall. She said generating clean energy through solar is one facet of it but the other facet of it is as Ron stated would be reducing how much electricity is used. They had an auditor from Unitil access the property and where they were spending their money and going to LED’s was recommended so that is next on their plan. She said the biggest part of their electricity bill every month is what they call a demand charge – it is not the amount of kWh they use it is just a
momentary estimate of what is the maximum the library might need to draw from the grid and then they charge them a certain amount of money based on that.

Scott Urwick said if going to LED lights can decrease electric usage in the library by 90%, what would the size of the system look like after going to LED lighting. Sarah said they do not want to over install. She said the auditor that came to look at the property was not estimating 90% but more like 15%. She said in the summer months they are going to be generating more than they need but in the winter months they might not be meeting their demands some of the time.

Laurel Urwick asked if the plan was to keep the cost at $0.1050/kWh. Sarah said it starts at $0.1050/kWh and then they work out a schedule. Sarah said the idea is some years they may pay more and other years less.

Edward Warren said he didn’t want to mislead anyone as doesn’t have a problem with solar panels. He said they will support the library and will find a way to make it work for them.

Jamie Saucier asked if by putting the name of the company on the warrant article is too limiting for the town vote. Sarah asked if he meant getting another PDA with another solar company. She said at this time there is no option of going with another company as the whole process was started back in May or June and the permits that have to go through and UNITIL has to approve it. She said they have all those things in place.

Andy Head asked what the life expectancy was of this system. Sarah said about 30-40 years.

Andy asked what the cost would be to purchase the system. Sarah said about $65,000.

Andy asked what the monthly cost is for electricity. Sarah said they are paying about $300 a month.

Geraldine Murray asked a question about Revision. She said they did the solar panels in Brentwood and she thinks she read in the Union Leader they were paying $0.8/kWh so she asked if this could be negotiated. Sarah isn’t sure how Brentwood structured their system. Ted Lloyd asked if the negotiation already was complete. Sarah said they haven’t signed anything and they could go back to them and see if they could bring the rate down.

Ted Lloyd motioned to amend the article and to strike $0.1050/kWh and replace it with “some rate as negotiated.” Bart said we need to make it clear in the warrant article, what we anticipate paying, so that if there were any questions the article would reflect what we understood our obligation would be in the future. He said he would be reticent about taking out the numbers because the numbers establish a baseline for reference in the future.

Scott asked instead of striking the amount that is there or such other rate, could they say or such lower rate as may be approved by the Board of Selectmen. Bart said that is the problem, you are committing to 20 years. Bart said you need to understand the prices will go up over the years and that is the commitment they are making.
Ronald said one thing that should be struck is that this has no effect on the tax rate. He said it is implying this is free and it is not free. He would like to make an amendment they strike the sentence, this has no effect on the tax rate.

Ted Lloyd said in hearing what town counsel and Sarah said, he would like to withdraw his motion to amend.

Scott Urwick made a motion to amend the article to include “all of the energy produced by the system at a starting rate of $0.1050/kWh or such other lower starting rate as may be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Trustees of the East Kingston Public Library as well as strike the sentence “this has no effect on the tax rate”.

Ronald Morales seconded the amendment.

Vote on Article 12 as amended: Passed

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of the East Kingston Public Library to negotiate and execute agreements, including a 20-year license and easement (with possible extensions up to 30 years), with Revision Energy of Brentwood, New Hampshire, and to take actions and execute documents reasonably related thereto, necessary to facilitate a Power Purchase Agreement for the purpose of locating a solar energy system that will serve the East Kingston Public Library; including an option to purchase the system, and to otherwise purchase all of the energy produced by the system at a starting rate of $0.1050/kWh or such other lower starting rate as may be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Trustees of the East Kingston Public Library. The Board of Selectmen and the Trustees of the East Kingston Public Library recommend this article.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.

Matthew Dworman made a motion to not reconsider Article 12
Seconded: Roby Day
Voted: Passed

Matthew Dworman made a motion to approve Article 13 and read it in its entirety.

13. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to fully participate in the Town of East Kingston Employee Benefit Program. Participation in the program will be based on years of service (under the part time/full time schedule). The Town Clerk/Tax Collector presently has two weeks of vacation with no sick/excused pay.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

Seconded: Erin Pettinato
Discussion: Matthew said several years ago a warrant article passed which gave Barbara Clark, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, a full time elected position as it was part time in the past. He said the article neglected to specify it would follow the same policies as other full-time town employees because it is an elected position. He said unfortunately, for the past several years, Mrs. Clark has not enjoyed the same benefits as far as sick time and vacation time as other full-time employees. He said this article is to correct this situation.
Vote on Article 13 as written: Passed  
Article 13 will appear on the ballot as written.

Matthew Dworman made a motion to not reconsider Article 13  
Seconded: Erin Pettinato  
Voted: Passed

Other business:

Matt thanked everyone for coming out. He said we are all here because we love this town and we love the town because of the people.

Matt introduced the newest member to the town. He said in December, when Police Chief, Tim Connell left, they appointed Kingston Police Lieutenant, Michael LePage as an Interim Police Administrator. He said he has been doing a good job, getting a lot of paperwork, policies and procedures in order. Matthew said the Board of Selectmen signed a contract this evening to appoint Chief LePage to be our part time police chief for a one-year term. He said their goal is to have one of the existing officers take over and be ready for that position in one year. He said Chief LePage has been doing a great job as an Administrator and acting as a great role model for the existing officers and he welcomed him to the East Kingston family.

Scott Urwick asked if there was reason to believe they didn’t have a police officer currently ready to be chief. Matthew said he thinks you would understand that if they didn’t hire one of the existing officers as they felt that it wasn’t the time to do so.

Scott Urwick asked Matthew how many years he has been Selectman and Matthew replied, 12 out of the last 15 years, and Scott thanked him for his service.

Andy Head said he believed the town voted years ago to hire a full-time police chief and asked if it was voted on in the past, could this be an issue. Bart said he wasn’t aware of that vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Clark, Town Clerk

*The following articles were amended at the Deliberative Session: Article 8 and Article 12.*